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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Sub-Commission on Prevention of
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of Minorities
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Agenda item 3

REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Chavez, Mrs. Daes, Mr. El-Hajjé,
Mr. Fan, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Mrs. Forero Ucros, Mr. Guissé, Mr. Hatano,
Mr. Hakim, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane,
Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

Strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of
Minorities,

Recalling all relevant General Assembly and Commission on Human Rights
resolutions,

Considering that the promotion of universal respect for and observance of
human rights and fundamental freedoms is one of the basic purposes of the Charter
of the United Nations and an issue of the utmost importance for the Organization,

Acknowledging the increasing attention given to the activities undertaken by
the United Nations system in the field of human rights,

Recalling that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
(A/CONF.157/23) stresses the importance of strengthening the Centre for Human
Rights,

Noting that the activities envisaged in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of action will add further to the workload and the responsibilities of the Centre for Human Rights,

Emphasizing the important role of the Centre for human Rights as a coordinating unit within the United Nations system in the promotion, protection and implementation of human rights and the need to provide it with sufficient human and financial resources, particularly in view of the fact that its workload has dramatically increased while resources have failed to keep pace with the expansion of its responsibilities,

Emphasizing also the need to pay particular attention to the recruitment to the Centre for Human Rights of personnel from developing countries, to ensure equitable geographical distribution and in this regard to give priority in particular to recruitment to high-level and professional posts and also to the recruitment of women,

Welcoming the fact that the World Conference on Human Rights made recommendations for securing the necessary financial and other resources for United Nations activities in the field of human rights,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to enhance further the role and importance of the Centre for Human Rights, under the overall supervision of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, as the coordinating unit within the United Nations system with respect to human rights;

2. Welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General, encourages him to continue to implement measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Centre for Human rights;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that sufficient financial, human and other resources are accorded to the Centre for Human Rights to enable it to undertake all its functions, in full and on time;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General and the competent United Nations bodies to implement, as appropriate and as a matter of urgency, the relevant recommendations which the World Conference on Human Rights made with regard to securing the necessary financial and other resources for the strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights;

5. Decides to consider the question again at its forty-seventh session.